(b) whether the Government have made any inquiry into these illegal activities and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, the number of illegal arms manufacturing units unearthed in Varanasi, Allahabad, Aligarh and Kanpur during December, 1990 is as under:—

Varanasi	Nil
Allahabad	6
Aligarh	Nil
Kanpur	2

Action for unearthing illegal arms manufacturing units and launching of prosecution against the offenders is taken by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to whom necessary powers of the Central Government under the Arms Act, 1959 and the Arms Rules, 1962 framed thereunder have been delegated.

Meeting between Representatives of Cement Industry and Government

799. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives from the Cement Industry has recently been summoned by the Industry Ministry to discuss the cement prices in the country;

(b) if so, whether all the representatives attended the meeting; and

(c) what were the subjects discussed and decisions arrived at in the above said meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Major cement manufacturers attended the meeting.

(c) The present price situation together with connected issues was discussed. The cement manufacturers were urged to bring down the prices of cement to a reasonable level.

Demand for CRPF by States/UTs to check Extremist Activities

800. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of States have asked for more CRPF for checking extremist activities;

(b) what is the total number of states and Union territories where army was deployed to maintain law and order for the last three months; and

(c) what is the total number of security men killed during clashes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government have received request from some States for CRPF to assist them in law and order duties.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Census 1991

801. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on 1991 Census of India has started;

(b) if so, what is the total number of officials deployed for the census operation;

(c) by what time the census operation is likely to complete its work; and

(d) whether any directives have been issued to the officials in this regard?